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SUBJECT: U.S. CITIZENS AT AMERICAN EMBASSY - CONTINGENCY
GUIDANCE

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1. WE UNDERSTAND FOLLOWING: THE USCITS HAVE RETURNED TO
CHANCERY AND UNWILLING TO DEPART, ALLEGING THEY FEAR FOR
THEIR LIVES. THIS FEAR NOT UNREASONABLE.

(B) THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAS SAID THERE IS NO PRESENT PLAN
TO CHARGE THEM WITH CHAMORRO ASSASSINATION, BUT THAT
PRESIDENT OF THEIR COMPANY HAS BEEN SO PUBLICLY CHARGED BY
GON AND THAT GON HAS ISSUED ORDER PROHIBITING THEIR DE-
PARTURE FROM NICARAGUA AS MATERIAL WITNESS TO ARSON OF
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THEIR FIRM BY MOB.

(C) GON HAS GIVEN WRITTEN GUARANTEE IT WILL ENSURE THEIR
SAFETY.

(D) THAT CHANCERY IS TEMPORARY STRUCTURE WHICH WOULD BE
DIFFICULT (OR PERHAPS IMPOSSIBLE) FOR GON AUTHORITIES

OR OTHERS TO DEFEND AGAINST MOB ATTACK.

(E) THAT ALTERNATE PLACE WHICH POLICE WOULD PROVIDE OR WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO SUBJECTS WOULD BE MORE DEFENSIBLE OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE GREATER SAFETY AGAINST MOB ATTACK.

2. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES SUBJECTS ARE, IN FACT, IN REAL DANGER, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROTECT THEM, EITHER AT CHANCERY OR OTHER SAFER LOCATION, TAKING DUE ACCOUNT OF SAFETY OF LIVES OF ALL THOSE AT CHANCERY, INCLUDING LIVES OF SUBJECTS. AMBASSADOR SHOULD REITERATE DEMAND FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO GON IF THAT IS NECESSARY. IF AMBASSADOR JUDGES SAFETY OF LIVES OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND/OR OF SUBJECTS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED THROUGH CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SUBJECTS AT CHANCERY (E.G. THROUGH MOB ATTACK ON CHANCERY WHICH POLICE COULD NOT CONTAIN), HE OR EMBOFF SHOULD TRY TO CONVINCE THEM TO VOLUNTARILY DEPART. IF THEY CONTINUE TO REFUSE AND IF HE JUDGES SAFETY OF LIVES OF PERSONNEL IN CHANCERY MAKES THEIR URGENT DEPARTURE IMPERATIVE, HE MAY PHYSICALLY HAVE THEM ESCORTED BY US PERSONNEL OUT OF CHANCERY, AND IF THERE IS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE WHICH ADEQUATELY GUARANTEES THEIR SAFETY, REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF POLICE TO ESCORT THEM TO PLACE WHERE THEIR SAFETY CAN CONTINUE BEING PROVIDED BY GON UNDER WRITTEN GUARANTEE. CHRISTOPHER
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